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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - JULY 7

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF SOVIET PRESS:

--U.S. COVERAGE CENTERS ON BICENTENNIAL THEME AND CONTINUES TO BE, ON BALANCE, FAVORABLE. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA, HOWEVER, CARRIES FAIRLY NASTY PIECE TITLED "THE PENTAGON TAKES OVER MICRONESIA," AND LITERATURNAYA GAZETA CONTINUES ATTACK ON THREE WESTERN JOURNALISTS ACCUSED OF CIA TIES;

-- ON CONTINUING CSCE DEFENSE THEME, JULY 6 IZVESTIYA ARTICLE REPORTS ON KREMLIN PRESS CONFERENCE ON "SOVIET SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY" GIVEN BY PRESIDUM SECRETARY M.P. GEORGADZE FOR SOVIET AND FOREIGN JOURNALISTS. PRESS CONFERENCE WAS APPARENTLY A LENGTHY LECTURE ON "NEW TYPE" OF DEMOCRACE DEVELOPED IN SOVIET UNION;

-- ON MIDDLE EAST, CENTRAL PRESS REPORTS CONTINUATION OF GROMYKO TALKS WITH SYRIAN FONMIN KHADDAM; TASS ITEM IN JULY 7PRAVDA MANAGES TO REPORT PLO PRAISE FOR SOVIET STAND ON PALESTINIAN PROBLEM AND LEBANESE CRISIS BY CITING PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER AL-KADDUMI'S REMARKS TO BEIRUT NEWSPAPER "AD DUSTUR."

-- ON FAR EAST, IRASNAYA ZVEZDA JULY 7 HAS DETAILED PIECE SIGNED BY V. GRISHKO ON UWGS. POLITICAL MISUSE OF ISLANDS OF MICRONESIA TO SUIT MILITARY NEEDS OF PENTAGON. ATTENTION CENTERS ON MARIANAS (GRISHKO ADMITS U.S. OWNER-SHIP OF GUAM), MARSHALLS, AND PALAN, YAP, TRUK, AND PONAPE IN CAROLINES. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA ARTICLE HAS ANTI-CHINESE COUNTERPART IN JULY 7 PRAVDA "COMMENTATOR'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COLUMN" BY M. GEORGIEV WHICH GOES ON AT SOME LENGTH ABOUT PRC'S ISLAND AND LAND GRABBING PROPENSITIES IN SOUTH ASIA (SEPTTEL). KRASNAYA ZVEZDA ALSO CONTAINS ARTICLE BY V. VINOGRADOV LINKING AUSTRALIAN PM FRASER'S RECENT VISIT TO PEKING WITH PEKING'S ANTI-SOVIET SCHEMES IN ASIA AND U.S. INTEREST IN EXPANSION OF MILITARY BASE ON DIEGO GARCIA;

-- ON EUROPE, JULY 7 PRAVDA HAS SHORT TASS ITEM FROM PARIS REPORTING PROTEST IN JOINT DECLARATION OF FRENCH AND GERMAN CP'S AGAINST "NEW PLANS TO STATION (RAZMESCHENIE) FRENCH TROOPS IN WEST GERMANY ALONG EASTERN BORDERS, AND TO UTILIZE THESE TROOPS IN THE EVENT OF CONFLICT."

2. U.S. PRAVDA JULY 7 HAS FAVORABLE ARTICLE ON MOSCOW COMMEMORATION OF U.S. BICENTENNIAL IN NEW MOSCOW ART THEATER BUILDING. FIRST DEP. FONMIN KUZNETSOV'S REMARKS ON SIGNIFICANCE OF CURRENT STAGE OF U.S.- SOVIET RELATIONS ARE REPORTED AT SOME LENGTH. KUZNETSOV WAS REPORTED AS EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SOVIET AND U.S. LEADERSHIP ON NECESSITY OF PEACEFUL, EQUAL RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND SOVIET UNION. WE ARE CONVINCED, SAID KUZNETSOV, THAT BOTH OUR COUNTRIES...CAN FRUITFULLY COOPERATE EVEN FURTHER IN THE RESOLUTION OF BOTH BILATERAL PROBLEMS AND PROBLEM OF BROAD INTERNATIONAL NATURE. FROM ITS SIDE, KUZNETSOV CONCLUDED, THE SOVIET UNION REMAINS TRUE TO A PRINCIPLED LINE IN ITS RELATIONS WITH U.S. MAIN THEME OF AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS WAS ALSO CARRIED IN ARTICLE. GENERALLY FAVORABLE BICENTENNIAL COVERAGE WAS REFLECTED BY BARSUKOV ARTICLE IN IZVESTIYA AND GERASIMOV PIECE IN LITERATURNAYA GAZETA. BOTH ARTICLES DO INCLUDE REPORTING ON SELF-CRITICAL MOOD OF AMERICAN PEOPLE AT THIS JUNCTURE, BARSUKOV EVEN QUOTING PRESIDENT'S REMARKS IN U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT TO THAT EFFECT. LITERATURNAYA GAZETA KEEPS UP ATTACK ON THREE U.S. JOURNALISTS ACCUSED OF CIA ACTIVITY. UNSIGNED ARTICLE BLASTS ALFRED FRIENDLY'S ATTEMPT TO GET "DOCUMENT" OF INNOCENCE FROM CIA AND INDICATES THAT LIT-GAZ'S EDITORIAL BOARD IS PREPARED TO PRESENT MATERIAL AT HEARING OF FRIENDLY'S SUIT AGAINST IT WHICH "GIVES A BASIS NOT ONLY FOR PUBLIC CONDEMNATION OF HIM, BUT ALSO FOR CRIMINAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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